

UTAH STATE OFFICE OF EDUCATION
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2007 LEGISLATIVE GENERAL SESSION
EDUCATION-RELATED BILLS
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Bill	Title	Sponsor	Description	Status
HB 1	State Agency and Higher Education Base Budget Appropriations	R. Bigelow	This bill provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies; provides appropriations for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education; provides appropriations for other purposes as described; approves employment levels for internal service funds; approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007: \$31,975,700 from the General Fund; \$13,433,600 from the Uniform School Fund. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2008: \$1,790,478,100 from the General Fund; \$91,844,000 from the Uniform School Fund; \$553,733,100 from the Education Fund; \$5,051,545,150 from various sources as detailed in this bill. Section 1 of this bill takes effect immediately. Section 2 of this bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 3	Minimum School Program Base Budget Amendments	B. Last	This bill establishes a ceiling for the state contribution to the maintenance and operations portion of the Minimum School Program for fiscal year 2007-08 of \$2,083,978,214; appropriates \$27,288,900 to the State Board of Education for fiscal year 2007-08 for school building aid programs for school districts; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007-08: \$2,068,978,214 from the Uniform School Fund; \$15,000,000 from the Interest and Dividends Account; and \$27,288,900 from the Uniform School Fund for school building aid programs. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 8	Retirement Office Amendments	D. Clark	This bill amends the definition of allowance by adding "or retirement allowance"; amends the definition of "political subdivision" by providing that a project entity created under the Interlocal Cooperation Act is not a political subdivision if it was formed prior to 1987; requires that retirement contributions made by a participating employee for a retiree that is subject to postemployment retirement restrictions shall be made to a "qualified" defined contribution plan; adds "covered individual" to those whose benefits are not subject to alienation, assignment, or attachment for legal purposes; allows the executive director to delegate certain dispute rulings to the deputy director; provides that Option One retirement allowance is only payable to the member during the member's lifetime for the Public Employees' Contributory and Noncontributory systems; adds "mentally" able to resume firefighter service to the examiners report for a determination regarding disability benefits; allows reserves in an insurance risk pool to be refunded directly to covered individuals; repeals a requirement that employees not be allowed to change from the high deductible health plan more frequently than every three years and replaces it with a provision that the program must be administered so that the impact on the overall health plan is actuarially neutral; requires the office to consult with covered employers in addition to certain state agencies prior to determining the amount of annual contributions to a health savings account; changes references to eligibility to receive a "retirement benefit" to eligibility to receive a "retirement allowance" to clarify provisions of the Unused Sick Leave Retirement Option Program I and II; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 10	Open and Public Meetings Act Amendments	W. Harper	This bill clarifies that the definition of public body includes a public body created by the Utah Constitution as well as by statute, rule, ordinance, or resolution; amends content requirements for written minutes and recordings of open meetings; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 12	Additional State Retirement Benefit	L. Shurtliff	This bill increases the retirement allowance of members of the Public Employees' Contributory Retirement System with service prior to July 1, 1975; and increases the retirement allowance of members of the Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement System with service prior to July 1, 1975. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 56	Emergency Administration of Epinephrine	T. Kiser	This bill amends definitions; requires the Department of Health to approve training programs for the use and storage of epinephrine auto-injectors in an emergency; authorizes the Department of Health, as funding is available, to conduct educational programs to train people in the use and storage of epinephrine auto-injectors; establishes a standard for when a person has a need for training in the use of epinephrine auto-injectors; authorizes a person trained in the use and storage of epinephrine auto-injectors to obtain a prescription for the epinephrine auto-injector from a physician, pharmacist, or other person authorized to prescribe or sell drugs; and authorizes the Department of Health to adopt administrative rules.	Passed
HB 58 S2	New School District Property Tax Amendments	B. Daw	This bill defines terms; prohibits certain new school districts from levying a property tax prior to the year in which the district assumes responsibility for student instruction; allows the existing district to impose a property tax on the new district during the period it provides instruction to the new district's students; allows the new district, after taking over student instruction, to continue imposing certain property tax levies previously approved by a vote of the predecessor district electorate and places limitations on the levies; requires the new school district and the remaining district to publish certain advertisements and hold certain hearings before levying a property tax in the first year the new district takes over student instruction; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 68	School Fee Waiver Amendments	L. Shurtliff	This bill establishes criteria for the distribution of the funds; beginning on July 1, 2009, makes compensation for impacts of fee waivers conditioned upon compliance with certain financial reporting requirements; and prescribes the amount of funds an impacted school district may receive. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$1,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed

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HB 69 S2	County and Municipal Land Use Provisions Regarding Schools	L. Wiley	This bill adds additional building inspections to a list of requirements that a county and municipality may not impose on school districts or charter schools; modifies the criteria for an improvement project for which a county and municipality may not require a school district or charter school to pay an impact fee; clarifies that a school district building inspector that a school district or charter school may use is, for the school district, the school district's inspector or, for the charter school, the building inspector from the district in which the charter school is located; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 74	School Impact Fees	S. Mascaro	This bill authorizes school districts to impose an impact fee, subject to voter approval; expands the definition of enactment to include a local school board resolution; modifies the definition of local political subdivision to include school districts; requires school districts to comply with notice, hearing, voter approval, and other requirements in imposing an impact fee; repeals a provision prohibiting school districts from imposing impact fees; repeals language authorizing a local political subdivision to impose and collect impact fees on behalf of a school district if authorized under another statutory provision; and provides that impact fees imposed by a school district need not be paid before a county or municipality gives development approval but become a lien on property.	Failed
HB 75	Procedures for Dividing School Districts	S. Mascaro	This bill requires a specified feasibility study to examine the impact of new school district creation on both the proposed new district and the remaining district or districts; and requires approval from voters in the proposed new district and the remaining portion of the existing district prior to new school district creation under a new district creation option.	Failed
HB 77	High School Diploma Amendments	K. Holdaway	This bill allows a student who fails to pass all subtests of the basic skills competency test to appeal the student's ineligibility for a basic high school diploma; requires the State Board of Education to make rules establishing an appeals process and indicators of student achievement that may substitute for passing scores on the basic skills competency test; exempts adult education students who receive an adult education diploma from taking and passing the basic skills competency test; and authorizes the State Board of Education in cooperation with school districts and the State Board of Regents to provide for a distinguished diploma.	Failed
HB 79 S2	Concurrent Enrollment Amendments	K. Holdaway	This bill separates concurrent enrollment from other programs in the accelerated learning programs appropriation; requires the appropriation for concurrent enrollment to increase based upon the increase in the value of the weighted pupil unit; provides for the distribution of the concurrent enrollment appropriation: between the State System of Public Education and the State System of Higher Education; and among public schools and institutions of higher education that participate in concurrent enrollment; and makes technical corrections. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. This bill coordinates with H.B. 3 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 3 and that certain amendments in H.B. 3 supersede the amendments in this bill. This bill coordinates with H.B. 160 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 160 and that certain amendments in H.B. 160 supersede the amendments in this bill.	Passed
HB 94	Class Size Reduction	C. Moss	This bill increases the appropriation for class size reduction; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007-08: \$2,047,219,545 from the Uniform School Fund; and \$15,000,000 from the Interest and Dividends Account. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 95 S1	Accelerated Learning Program Amendments	C. Moss	This bill authorizes public schools to use appropriations for accelerated learning programs for International Baccalaureate programs; and increases the appropriation for accelerated learning programs. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007-08: \$2,017,655,849 from the Uniform School Fund; and \$15,000,000 from the Interest and Dividends Account. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. This bill coordinates with H.B. 3 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 3 and that certain amendments in H.B. 3 supersede the amendments in this bill. This bill coordinates with H.B. 160 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 160 and that certain amendments in H.B. 3 supersede the amendments in this bill.	Failed
HB 100	Accessing Pornography on School Property	D. Bowman	This bill allows a school to suspend or expel a student for accessing pornographic material at school; and makes it a crime to access pornographic material on school property.	Passed
HB 101	Fee Waiver Reimbursements	J. Draxler	This bill establishes state reimbursement of school fee waivers; requires the State Board of Education to adopt administrative rules; prescribes conditions for school districts and charter schools to receive the reimbursement; and makes technical changes. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 111 S2	Personal Property - Certified Tax Rate Amendments	J. Dougall	This bill defines terms; eliminates certain personal property from the calculation of the certified revenue levy; eliminates certain personal property from the certified tax rate calculation; modifies the calculation of the certified tax rate; and makes technical changes. This bill provides for retrospective operation.	Passed
HB 117 S1	Transfer of Density	G. Froerer	This bill authorizes counties and municipalities to designate areas as sending and receiving zones and to allow the transfer of development rights from a landowner in a sending zone to a landowner in a receiving zone; defines terms; and makes technical changes.	Passed

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HB 123 S2	Tax Revisions	J. Dougall	This bill provides and modifies definitions; reduces a tax rate for purposes of the Individual Income Tax Act from 6.98% to 6.7%; reduces the tax rate from 5.35% to 5% for purposes of the Single Rate Individual Income Tax Act; reduces the state sales and use tax rate imposed on food and food ingredients, except with respect to certain bundled transactions; and makes technical changes. This bill provides an effective date.	Failed
HB 124 S1	Agricultural Education	R. Menlove	This bill directs the department to work with the State Board of Education to promote agricultural education; and makes technical changes. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$50,000 from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education.	Failed
HB 144	School District Superintendent Retention Elections	K. Sumsion	This bill requires school district superintendents to be subject to a retention election at the first general election held more than four years after the superintendent was appointed and at one subsequent general election; establishes retention election procedures; establishes campaign and financial reporting requirements; and prohibits a superintendent who is not retained from receiving: another appointment as the superintendent for that school district; and retirement, termination, or separation benefits and incentives, except for those provided for all school district employees.	Failed
HB 148	Education Vouchers	S. Urquhart	This bill specifies criteria for qualifying for a scholarship; specifies criteria for private schools to enroll scholarship students; specifies the amount, timing, and form of scholarship payments; requires the State Board of Education to make rules; gives the State Board of Education enforcement authority; requires the Legislature to annually appropriate money from the General Fund for scholarship payments; and allows a school district to retain in enrollment a student that transfers to a private school for a period of five years, with a deduction equal to the average scholarship amount. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$100,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 to the State Board of Education.	Passed
HB 149 S1	Class Size Reduction in Grades Kindergarten Through Three	K. Morgan	This bill increases the appropriation for class size reduction; provides a condition for school districts and charter schools to participate in the class size reduction appropriation of: meeting a class size cap for kindergarten through the third grade; or having a class size reduction plan approved by the State Board of Education; requires certain reports; requires the Legislature to provide for an annual adjustment in the appropriation for class size reduction; and makes technical corrections. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. This bill coordinates with H.B. 3 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 3 and that certain amendments in H.B. 3 supersede the amendments in this bill. This bill coordinates with H.B. 160 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 160 and that certain amendments in H.B. 160 supersede the amendments in this bill.	Failed
HB 150	New Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act	R. Bigelow	This bill provides appropriations for the use and support of certain state agencies; provides appropriations for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education; provides appropriations for other purposes as described; provides intent language; approves employment levels for internal service funds; approves capital acquisition amounts for internal service funds; authorizes rates and fees. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2008: \$561,463,900 from the General Fund; \$46,466,400 from the Uniform School Fund; \$61,546,000 from the Education Fund; \$222,983,000 from various sources as detailed in this bill. This bill takes effect July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 151	Minimum Basic Levy and Other Property Tax Amendments	A. Tilton	This bill repeals the requirement that a school district impose a minimum basic levy before it may participate in the Minimum School Program; provides that a taxing entity levying a property tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate during the 2008 calendar year must obtain voter approval before imposing the tax rate; and makes technical changes. This bill takes effect on January 1, 2008.	Failed
HB 155	Student Achievement Assessment Amendments	M. Newbold	This bill modifies U-PASS by expanding the basic skills courses tested to include intermediate algebra; eliminating criterion-referenced testing in grade 1; eliminating norm-referenced testing in grade 11; and adding a reading test in grade 3; modifies assessment, intervention, and reporting elements of schools' reading achievement plans for students in kindergarten through grade 3; modifies reporting requirements regarding U-PASS test results; and modifies eligibility requirements for stipends for basic skills education to enable students to pass the Utah Basic Skills Competency Test.	Passed
HB 160	Minimum School Program Budget Amendments	B. Last	This bill modifies provisions governing the inclusion of foreign exchange students for the purpose of apportioning state monies; establishes the value of the weighted pupil unit at \$2,514; establishes a ceiling for the state contribution to the maintenance and operations portion of the Minimum School Program for fiscal year 2007-08 of \$2,272,474,120; and makes one-time appropriations for fiscal year 2007-08 for: instructional technology; classroom supplies; a uniform online summative test system; pupil transportation; the Capital Outlay Foundation Program; and the Enrollment Growth Program. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation, \$2,173,474,120 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08; as an ongoing appropriation, \$21,000,000 from the Interest and Dividends Account for fiscal year 2007-08; and for fiscal year 2007-08 only, \$128,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. This bill coordinates with H.B. 3 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 3. This bill coordinates with H.B. 79 by providing substantive amendments.	Passed

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HB 164 S3	Charter School Amendments	R. Bigelow	This bill provides definitions; modifies charter school application and authorization provisions; modifies certain requirements for charter schools, including those relating to charter school assets and school closures; modifies charter school funding provisions; regulates certain transactions and relationships relating to charter schools; requires the State Board of Education and the State Charter School Board to develop a joint proposal and submit the proposal to the Executive Appropriations Committee; makes a nonlapsing appropriation; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$35,971,488 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education for charter schools; \$9,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only to the State Board of Education for charter schools; and \$6,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only to the Charter School Building Subaccount within the School Building Revolving Account. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. This bill coordinates with H.B. 3 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 3 and that certain amendments in H.B. 3 supersede the amendments in this bill. This bill coordinates with H.B. 160 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 160 and that certain amendments in H.B. 160 supersede the amendments in this bill.	Passed
HB 165 S1	School Fee Amendments	C. Frank	This bill provides definitions; prohibits course fees, rental and use fees, certain charges for student supplies, and textbook fees; allows extracurricular fees under certain conditions; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$13,100,000 from the Uniform School Fund. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. This bill coordinates with H.B. 160 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 160 and that certain amendments in H.B. 160 supersede the amendments in this bill. This bill coordinates with H.B. 3 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 3 and that certain amendments in H.B. 3 supersede the amendments in this bill.	Failed
HB 169	Virtual Charter Schools	S. Urquhart	This bill provides definitions; requires the State Charter School Board and the State Board of Education to establish a virtual charter school that will begin operations in the 2007-08 school year; provides exemptions from certain statutes and requires a waiver of certain State Board of Education rules; provides for virtual charter school student participation in programs at other public schools; provides for the funding of virtual charter schools; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates: \$100,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2006-07 only, to the State Board of Education. This bill provides an immediate effective date.	Failed
HB 172 S1	Utah Virtual Schools	B. Ferry	This bill provides definitions; requires the State Charter School Board and the State Board of Education to establish a virtual charter school that will begin operations in the 2007-08 school year; provides exemptions from certain statutes and requires a waiver of certain State Board of Education rules; provides for virtual charter school student participation in programs at other public schools; provides for the funding of virtual charter schools; and authorizes the State Board of Education to establish Utah K-8 Online, a virtual school; provides for the participation of Utah K-8 Online students in other public school programs; requires the State Board of Education to make certain rules; provides for the funding of Utah K-8 Online; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates: \$200,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only, to the State Board of Education. This bill provides an immediate effective date.	Failed
HB 174	Education Voucher Amendments	B. Last	This bill modifies criteria for qualifying for a scholarship; modifies criteria for private schools to enroll scholarship students; modifies provisions relating to the State Board of Education; and modifies the review by the legislative auditor general. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$100,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education. This bill coordinates with H.B. 148, Education Vouchers, by providing substantively superseding amendments.	Passed
HB 184	State Office of Education Human Resource Management Amendments	R. Menlove	This bill requires the State Board of Education to adopt human resource policies and procedures governing its employees; exempts all employees instead of only certified employees of the State Board of Education from overtime provisions under the Department of Human Resource Management; exempts all employees instead of only certified employees of the State Board of Education from classified service provisions under the Department of Human Resource Management; exempts employees of the State Board of Education from career service provisions under the Department of Human Resource Management; and makes technical changes. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 186	School Safety Amendments	C. Moss	This bill provides definitions; specifically adds harassment or intimidation to the list of grounds for suspension or expulsion from a public school; requires school districts and charter schools to annually report incidents of harassment or intimidation to the State School Board; requires the State School Board to annually report a summary of incidents of harassment or intimidation to the Education Interim Committee; and makes technical corrections.	Failed
HB 193	Instructional Expenses Requirements	G. Hughes	This bill requires each school district to spend at least 65% of its General Fund expenditures on instructional expenditures, with certain exceptions; provides for waivers of the expenditure standards from the State Board of Education; and defines terms.	Failed

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HB 196 S1	Higher Education Criminal Background Checks	R. Menlove	This bill directs the State Board of Regents to adopt a policy requiring: an applicant for a position in a higher education institution that involves significant contact with a minor or a position that is security sensitive to submit to a criminal background check as a condition of employment; and an existing employee of a higher education institution to submit to a criminal background check, where reasonable cause exists; authorizes higher education institutions to request the Utah Bureau of Criminal Identification to conduct criminal background checks; addresses the payment of the costs of criminal background checks; and requires notice of criminal background checks to prospective and existing employees and an opportunity for review of information obtained through a criminal background check.	Passed
HB 202	Medical Recommendations for Children	M. Morley	This bill prohibits school personnel from making certain medical recommendations for a student, including the use of psychotropic medications; prohibits the removal of a child from parental custody based on a parent's refusal to consent to the administration of psychotropic medications; and prohibits the consideration of a petition for removal of a child from parental custody based on a parent's refusal to consent to the administration of psychotropic medications.	Passed
HB 204	Modifications to Open and Public Meetings	S Wyatt	This bill modifies definitions; clarifies that public bodies created by the Utah Constitution are subject to the requirements of the act; clarifies that notice of an emergency meeting shall include notice of the time, place, and topics of the meeting; provides that, at the discretion of the presiding member of the public body, topics raised by the public may be discussed at a meeting even if they have not been placed on the agenda, provided that no final action is taken at the meeting; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 207	School Truancy and Compulsory Education Amendments	E. Hutchings	This bill defines terms; directs a local school board, local charter board, or school district to preapprove an extended absence of a school-age minor if it is determined that the absence will not adversely impact the school-age minor's education; describes compulsory education requirements relating to school-age minors; provides for the service of a notice of compulsory education violation on a parent or guardian of a school-age child who is less than 14 years old if the child has been absent without a valid excuse at least five times during the school year; makes it a class B misdemeanor for a parent or guardian to intentionally or recklessly fail to enroll the parent's school-age minor in school, unless the school-age minor is exempt from enrollment; or after being served with a notice of compulsory education violation, fail to meet and discuss a school-age child's school attendance problems with school authorities or fail to prevent a school-age child from being truant five or more times during the remainder of the school year; provides for juvenile court jurisdiction of habitual truant proceedings and compulsory education violations; establishes school attendance requirements for a school-age minor; provides for the issuance of a notice of truancy to a school-age minor who is at least 12 years old and has been truant at least five times during the school year; establishes a procedure for resolving truancy problems of a school-age minor who is at least 12 years old; modifies and describes requirements for proceedings on, and the issuance of, citations and notices relating to truancy; removes provisions permitting the issuance of a truancy citation, except for a habitual truant citation; provides that a notice of truancy or a habitual truant citation may only be issued by a school administrator or truancy specialist authorized by a local school board, local charter board, or by the school administrator's designee; modifies and describes the duties of a local school board, local charter board, or school district for attempting to resolve a minor's school attendance problems; clarifies civil liability limitations relating to compulsory education and truancy; changes the term "truancy officer" to "truancy specialist"; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 212	School Discipline Amendments	L. Fowlke	This bill directs the state superintendent of public instruction, in cooperation with school districts and charter schools, to research methods of motivating and providing incentives to students and evaluate the benefits and costs of those methods; publish a report that incorporates the research findings, provides model plans with suggested resource pools, and makes recommendations for local school boards and school personnel; submit the report to the Education Interim Committee; and maintain data for purposes of accountability, later reporting, and future analysis.	Passed
HB 215	School Reporting Amendments	K. Morgan	This bill specifies how average class size shall be calculated for the purpose of reporting class size by grade and subject on annual school performance reports; and modifies the contents of the state superintendent's annual report.	Passed
HB 219	Unclaimed Property Act Provisions	F. Hunsaker	This bill reduces the time after which the following unclaimed property is considered to be abandoned from five years to three years: net intangible property; a bank draft; a deposit in a financial institution; a stock, shareholding, or other intangible ownership in a business; intangible property or income held in an agent or fiduciary capacity; or mineral proceeds; provides that all unclaimed funds held or owing under a life or endowment insurance policy are considered to be abandoned after three years; changes the month in which reports of unclaimed property are to be filed from June to November; raises the dollar amount at which unclaimed property must be accompanied by specific information and be reported individually from \$25 to \$50; permits an electronic book entry to be used as proof of ownership of stock or other intangible interests; requires that the administrator publish notice of unclaimed property within 12 months of the date the property was received; removes certain content requirements for publication of unclaimed property via newspaper; permits sale of abandoned property via the Internet; provides procedures for delivery of property and deductions of reasonable fees and expenses at the time of sale; modifies procedures and requirements for the sale of securities; permits the administrator to examine records pertaining to abandoned or unclaimed property that are in the possession of an agent of a business association or a financial association; permits the administrator to require a person to file a verified report stating whether or not the person is holding any unclaimed property subject to the act; provides that a person who fails to pay or deliver property when required by the act shall pay interest on the value of the property at the rate of 12% per annum; and makes technical changes.	Passed

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HB 222 S4	Open and Public Meetings - Electronic Notice	J. Dougall	This bill modifies notice requirements in the Interlocal Cooperation Act to ensure compliance with notice provisions of the Open and Public Meetings Act; requires a public body to provide public notice of its meetings on the Utah Public Notice Website; provides exceptions for posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website by a municipality or a district that has a budget of less than \$1 million; prohibits a court from voiding a final action of a public body due to a technology failure affecting posting public notice on the Internet under certain circumstances; amends the duties of the Division of Archives and Records Service; authorizes the Division of Archives and Records Service, with the technical assistance of the Department of Technology Services, to establish and maintain the Utah Public Notice Website; provides requirements for the website; provides that responsibility for the content of notices posted and the timing of notices posted is the responsibility of the public body posting the notice; and makes technical changes. This bill coordinates with H.B. 65, Special and Local Districts Amendments, by providing for changing terminology.	Passed
HB 223	Voter Information Website	M. Waddoups	This bill establishes the Statewide Electronic Voter Information Website Program administered by the lieutenant governor in cooperation with the county clerks; requires the lieutenant governor to develop and implement a website that includes all information currently provided in the voter information pamphlet and to include information on local races, candidates, and ballot propositions; requires local election officials to submit information to the lieutenant governor for each ballot label under the election official's direct responsibility so the information may be placed on the website; provides certain deadlines for submitting the election information; provides for the lieutenant governor's review of submitted information; requires certain frequently asked voter questions and answers to be included on the website; provides a deadline for the website to be ready for use; allows the expansion of the information to include other elections; requires the filing clerk to inform qualified candidates of the program; amends the duties of the lieutenant governor to provide election information to the public by providing it on the Internet; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 224	Repeal of Exemptions from Nonresident Tuition	G. Donnelson	This bill provides that an exemption from the nonresident portion of total tuition at a state institution of higher education for students who have attended high school in the state for three years and graduated from a high school in the state or received the equivalent of a high school diploma shall be restricted to those students who register as an entering student before May 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 229	School and Institutional Trust Lands Management Act Amendments	K. Grover	This bill prohibits mineral leasing on trust lands encumbered by a preexisting federal mining claim filed in accordance with state law; and prohibits the issuance of surface leases or user permits for various purposes for trust lands on which the surface rights have been retained by a preexisting federal mining claim filed in accordance with state law.	Failed
HB 234	Compensation of Local School Board Members	J. Dougall	This bill authorizes local school boards to adopt board compensation schedules for the compensation and expenses of their member beginning on July 1, 2007; specifies procedures for the adoption or amendment of board compensation schedules; and makes technical corrections. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 236 S7	Student Clubs Amendments	A. Tilton	This bill provides definitions; provides requirements and procedures for the authorization of curricular and noncurricular clubs; regulates the use of school buildings by authorized clubs; provides for faculty oversight of authorized clubs; provides requirements for club membership, including parental consent; requires the investigation of complaints, provides school options for violations, and establishes appeals procedures; allows additional rulemaking by the State Board of Education and provides additional rulemaking authority for local school governing boards; provides severability; and makes technical corrections.	Passed
HB 239	School Community Council Amendments	R. Menlove	This bill expands eligibility for school community council membership; and allows schools, in consultation with local school boards, to set the beginning date of the term of office for school community council members.	Failed
HB 240	Public Education Job Enhancement Program Amendments	R. Menlove	This bill expands the positions that may qualify for cash awards and scholarships under the Public Education Job Enhancement Program. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 241	Appropriation for Terrel H. Bell Program	R. Menlove	This bill appropriates money to the State Board of Regents for the Terrel H. Bell Teaching Incentive Loans Program that provides loans to students who enter a teacher licensure program and declare an intent to teach in the state; and waives repayment of the loan based upon the number of years the loan recipient teaches in the state. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$1,200,000 from the Education Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Regents. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 260 S2	Post Retirement Employment	G. Donnelson	This bill defines "agency" to clarify the applicability of reemployment restrictions for certain retirees; and makes technical changes.	Passed
HB 286 S2	School Discipline and Conduct Amendments	E. Hutchings	This bill defines terms; clarifies that school discipline and conduct provisions relate to all public schools, including charter schools; provides that it is unlawful to engage in disruptive student behavior; provides for standards, procedures, and administrative penalties to address disruptive student behavior; provides for the issuance of: a notice of disruptive student behavior; or a habitual disruptive student behavior citation; provides that a school-age minor who receives a habitual disruptive behavior citation is subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; and makes technical corrections.	Passed
HB 291 S3	Students Qualifying for Services for Deaf	K. Sumsion	This bill changes the definition of those eligible for public education services for the deaf; and makes technical changes	Failed

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HB 304	State Treasurer Compensation	D. Clark	This bill establishes the salary of the state treasurer at 95% of the governor's salary; and makes technical corrections.	Passed
HB 308 S1	Invest More for Education Fund - Voluntary Contribution to Public Education	G. Hughes	This bill creates a restricted account within the Uniform School Fund known as the Invest More for Education Fund, including addressing interest earned on fund monies; provides that a resident or nonresident individual may make contributions to the Invest More for Education Fund on the individual income tax return under certain circumstances; establishes the placement of contributions to the Invest More for Education Fund on the individual income tax return; requires the State Tax Commission to determine annually the contributions to the Invest More for Education Fund and deposit those contributions into the Invest More for Education Fund; requires the Division of Finance to deposit contributions credited to the Invest More for Education Fund and interest earned on those contributions into the Uniform School Fund; provides that the designation for the contribution be removed from the individual income tax return and that the State Tax Commission may not collect the contribution under certain circumstances; and makes technical changes. This bill has retrospective operation for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 310	Transfer of Student Records	T. Cosgrove	This bill requires a school that has been requested to forward a copy of a transferring student's record to the new school to comply within 30 days of the request; and makes technical corrections.	Passed
HB 313	Administration of Medication to Students Amendments	R. Lockhart	This bill allows school administrators rather than school boards to meet certain requirements; modifies the role of school nurses relating to the administration of medication to students; and makes technical corrections.	Failed
HB 318	Charter School Facilities Financing Act	G. Hughes	This bill creates the State Charter School Financing Authority; defines the authority's powers and duties, including the power to issue obligations under the Utah Industrial Facilities and Development Act; and provides that obligations issued by the authority do not constitute a debt, moral obligation, or liability of the state or any political subdivision of the state.	Passed
HB 322	Driver Education Curriculum	A. Tilton	This bill provides that a student enrolled in a driver education course is required to study and submit a ten-page written report on a fatal motor vehicle accident involving a person who is under 18 years of age; specifies requirements for the written report; requires a school or local school district to maintain a database of information on fatal motor vehicle accidents involving persons under the age of 18; and makes technical changes.	Failed
HB 323	Education Fund Conforming Amendments	R. Bigelow	This bill modifies sections to ensure the appropriate deposits and transfers into, and appropriations and transfers from, the Education Fund; and adjusts the definitions in the State Appropriations and Tax Limitation Act to ensure that the exemption for public education expenditures is preserved.	Passed
HB 327	State Agency Timely Adoption of Administrative Rules	D. Clark	This bill requires state agencies to submit to the Division of Administrative Rules for publishing any rules required by statute within 180 days of the effective date of the statute; and requires state agencies that do not meet the deadline for publishing required rules to appear before the legislative Administrative Rules Review Committee to provide reasons for the delay.	Passed
HB 331	School Board Alternatives to Basic Skills Competency Test	B. Daw	This bill allows the State Board of Education to use a nationally norm-referenced test to satisfy the basic skills competency test requirement; removes a grade level requirement for the test; and makes technical changes.	Failed
HB 337	Local Government Post-employment Benefit Trust Funds Amendments	K. Grover	This bill provides that local government other post-employment benefits trust funds are exempt from the requirements to invest monies in certain assets; defines certain terms; requires all local government other post-employment benefits trust fund monies in the custody of a public treasurer to be established in a separate trust fund; requires monies in a local government OPEB trust fund to be deposited or invested in certain types of assets that meet certain criteria; provides that the state treasurer may develop and offer a variety of asset allocation options for monies in an OPEB trust fund and review the options for efficiency as needed; allows the state treasurer to charge an administrative fee for cost incurred in the management of local government OPEB funds within an asset allocation option; and makes technical changes. This bill coordinates with H.B. 7, Post-Retirement Benefits Trust Fund, by inserting new substantive language.	Passed
HB 351	Revolving Loan Fund for Certain Energy Efficient Projects	R. Barrus	This bill establishes a revolving loan fund to fund energy efficiency projects in buildings in school districts; establishes the revenue and use of the fund; authorizes the Board of Utah Geologic Survey to make rules establishing eligibility and prioritization criteria for disbursing monies from the fund; grants the board other powers and directions regarding making loans from the fund; and adds the new fund to the list of revolving loan funds for which the Division of Finance exercises some oversight and jurisdiction. This bill appropriates: \$5,000,000 for fiscal year 2007-2008 only, to the Energy Efficiency Fund.	Passed
HB 360	Orderly School Termination Act Amendments	B. Last	This bill amends definitions; amends procedures for the termination or discontinuation of a career employees's contract; and makes technical corrections.	Passed
HB 364 S1	Public School Textbook Evaluation	G. Froerer	This bill prohibits a school district from purchasing certain instructional materials unless the materials have been evaluated by an independent party for alignment with the core curriculum; requires that the alignment evaluation be made available on a website at no charge; and exempts charter schools from the evaluation requirements.	Passed

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HB 371 S1	Applied Technology Education Amendments	R. Bigelow	This bill provides definitions; requires specific parental notification and consent before minor public education students may participate in the clinical experience segment of health care occupation programs; removes the Southeast Applied Technology College from the Utah College of Applied Technology and transfers its functions and responsibilities to the College of Eastern Utah; provides tuition uniformity for duplicate programs; creates an applied technology advisory committee at the College of Eastern Utah and specifies its membership and duties; modifies applied technology education reporting provisions; and makes technical corrections. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 377 S2	Retirement Benefit Amendments	J. Dougall	This bill allows a person who begins employment on or after July 1, 2007, with the Department of Technology Services to be excluded, upon written request, from coverage under the Public Employees' Noncontributory Retirement System; and makes technical changes. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 381	Professional Excellence Programs	R. Menlove	This bill requires the State Board of Education to: collect and maintain data relevant to teacher recruitment; provide information on alternative preparation programs and support participants in alternative preparation programs; develop and implement a Leadership Consortium; develop and disseminate model evaluation programs; develop and disseminate model programs for the induction of beginning teachers and provide technical assistance on supporting provisional educators; and contract for an independent evaluation of teacher and administrator preparation programs in the state; requires local school boards and charter school governing boards to provide leadership training to administrators and measure leadership effectiveness; requires local school boards to: develop teacher evaluation programs incorporating measures of student performance growth and other factors; evaluate educators on a regular basis; and compensate and train mentors; creates the Professional Excellence Program which provides money for school districts and charter schools for: beginning teacher induction programs; and market incentives to recruit and retain teachers who fill positions for which there is a critical shortage of qualified educators; and directs the Education Interim Committee to study performance incentives. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation, \$28,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08; and for fiscal year 2007-08 only, \$100,000 from the Uniform School Fund. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007. Uncodified Sections 11, 12, and 13 are repealed on November 30, 2008.	Failed
HB 382 S3	Amendments to Education Funding	B. Dee	This bill directs the Legislature, subject to future budget constraints, to appropriate money for educator salary adjustments; defines "educator"; provides that the salary adjustment shall be the same for each full-time-equivalent educator position; provides that only educators who have had a satisfactory or better evaluation are eligible for salary adjustments; authorizes the State Board of Education to make rules as necessary to administer the salary adjustment; provides bonuses for educators and classified personnel employed by school districts, charter schools, and the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; and modifies provisions relating to the adjustment of salaries for nonadministrative licensed staff of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation, \$68,700,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08; and for fiscal year 2007-08 only, \$40,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
HB 387	Post-retirement Benefits Restrictions	J. Dougall	This bill provides that employees that are reemployed prior to April 30, 2007 by a participating employer may be given a defined contribution at the same percentage of a retiree's salary that the participating employer would have been required to contribute if the retiree were an active member; requires a participating employer that hires a retiree beginning April 30, 2007, to contribute 1.5 percent of the retiree's salary to a retiree designated defined contribution plan; prohibits a participating employer from providing health care coverage to the retiree or the retiree's dependents during any period that the retiree is the primary covered individual of a post-retirement health insurance plan; provides for certain exceptions; and makes technical changes.	Failed
HB 416 S1	Teacher Loan Program	L. Hemingway	This bill creates a loan program for teachers; establishes program funding requirements; and requires the State Board of Education to adopt administrative rules to implement the program. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$1,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
HB 429	Use of Surplus Education Fund and Uniform School Fund Monies	S. Mascaro	This bill directs the Division of Finance to transfer 50% of the sum of any surpluses in the Education Fund and the Uniform School Fund into the Capital Outlay Foundation Program.	Failed
HB 451	Critical Needs Hiring Practices for Teachers	E. Hutchings	This bill allows retirees from a school district to return to work on a full-time basis in the same school district and to continue to collect the retiree's retirement allowance if: the retiree is hired in a teaching position that the school district has been unable to fill with a qualified candidate; and the retiree may not earn additional service credits unless the retiree's retirement is canceled; and makes technical changes.	Failed
HB 461	Education Revisions	S. Sandstrom	This bill provides an ongoing appropriation, subject to future budget constraints, to the State Board of Education for the K-3 Reading Improvement Program. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation, \$2,500,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed

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HCR 4	Resolution Encouraging State Universities' and School Institutional Trust Lands' Efforts in Enhancing State Trust Lands	E. Hutchings	This resolution encourages state colleges and universities to notify the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration whenever research results uncover innovative ways in which resources with the potential to provide significant revenues, such as hydrocarbons, precious and industrial metals, and renewable energy sources, could be utilized to maximize the economic benefits in the best interests of the trust beneficiaries; and encourages the development of resources on lands administered by the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration as a critical source to build the permanent State School Fund to provide greater future education funding.	Passed
HCR 5	Early Childhood Reading Readiness Resolution	K. Morgan	This resolution recognizes the value that "Reading with a Child 20 Minutes a Day" contributes to the lifelong learning and success of children and the well-being of society as a whole; and encourages "Reading with a Child 20 Minutes a Day" to help children prepare for and advance through their schooling.	Passed
HJR 14	Master Study Resolution	D. Clark	This resolution gives the Legislative Management Committee items of study it may assign to the appropriate interim committee during the 2007 legislative interim; directs interim committees assigned these studies to study and make recommendations for legislative action to the 57th Legislature prior to the 2008 Annual General Session; and suggests in approving studies the Legislative Management Committee give consideration to the available time of legislators and the budget and capacity of staff to respond.	Passed
SB 1	Current Fiscal Year Supplemental Appropriations Act	L. Hillyard	This bill provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies; provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain institutions of higher education; provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described; provides intent language. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007: \$16,634,400 from the General Fund; \$29,982,300 from the Uniform School Fund; (\$4,903,400) from the Education Fund; \$2,527,400 from various sources as detailed in this bill. This bill takes effect immediately.	Passed
SB 3	Appropriation Adjustments	L. Hillyard	This bill provides budget increases and decreases for the use and support of certain state agencies; provides funds for the bills with fiscal impact passed in the 2007 General Session; provides budget increases and decreases for other purposes as described; provides intent language; This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2007: \$720,000 from the General Fund; (\$13,433,600) from the Uniform School Fund; \$2,203,133,600 from the Education Fund; \$7,100,000 from various sources as detailed in this bill. This bill appropriates for fiscal year 2008: (\$92,673,300) from the General Fund; \$219,400 from the Uniform School Fund; \$2,856,233,600 from the Education Fund; \$41,723,500 from various sources as detailed in this bill. Section 1 of this bill takes effect immediately. Section 2 of this bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
SB 22	Sales and Use Tax Exemptions for Certain Governmental Entities and Entities Within the State Systems of Public and Higher Education	H. Stephenson	This bill defines: "governmental entity"; and "publication"; clarifies the definition of "school" to include the Electronic High School for purposes of the sales and use tax exemptions for sales relating to schools and fundraising sales; modifies the sales and use tax exemption for photocopies to provide an exemption for sales of photocopies by a governmental entity or an entity within the state system of public education; provides a sales and use tax exemption for sales of publications by a governmental entity; grants rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission to define the term "photocopy"; and makes technical changes. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
SB 30 S1	Creation of New School District Amendments	C. Walker	This bill adds a vote to elect school district board members resulting from the creation of a new school district to the list of special elections that a local political subdivision may call; adds a definition relating to the creation of a new school district; provides a process for certifying the creation of a new school district and establishes the date that the new district is created; clarifies the duties of a new district and the district from which the new district was created with respect to providing educational services; makes exceptions to requirements applicable to a proposal by interlocal agreement participants to create a new school district where the proposal would otherwise geographically isolate an area within a municipality that is served by a separate school district; provides for the election of school district board members of a new school district and of the school district from which the new district was created, and provides for the terms of those members; establishes a process for allocating the property of an existing school district between a newly created district and the school district from which it was created, including: transition teams to represent the new district and the district from which the new district was created; and a requirement that disputes about the allocation of property be decided by binding arbitration; shifts from the board of a new school district to the board of the district from which the new district was created the responsibility to continue to levy a tax on property in the new district to pay the new district's proportionate share of bonds issued before the new district was created; prohibits a school district board from issuing bonds approved but not issued before the creation of a new district under certain circumstances; authorizes a mayor or the mayor's designee of a municipality that is partly or entirely within the boundaries of a school district to attend and participate in school board meetings; requires local school boards to give notice of board meetings to the mayor or the mayor's designee of each municipality that is partly or entirely within the boundaries of the school district; and makes technical, conforming, and clarifying changes.	Passed

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SB 49 S3	Optional Extended-day Kindergarten	L. Hillyard	This bill establishes a program, administered by the State Board of Education, through which school districts and charter schools may provide voluntary extended-day kindergarten; establishes program requirements and funding priorities; requires districts to report certain information on the use of program monies and on the program's outcomes to the State Board of Education; requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to report to the Education Interim Committee on the program; provides for review of and a sunset date for the program; and makes certain appropriations nonlapsing. This bill appropriates: \$30,000,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 only, State Board of Education. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
SB 56	Education Employee Association Amendments	M. Madsen	This bill requires school districts and charter schools to allow education employee associations equal access to the following activities: distribution of information to teachers' or employees' physical or electronic mailboxes; and membership solicitation at new teacher or employee orientation; prohibits school districts and charter schools from: establishing or maintaining procedures that favor one education employee association over another; or explicitly or implicitly endorsing an education employee association; and prohibits a school's calendars and publications from referring to the name of any education employee organization in reference to any break in the school calendar.	Passed
SB 57 S1	High School Graduation Amendments	M. Madsen	This bill allows a student who resides in Utah to receive a high school diploma if the student passes the basic skills competency test and receives certain scores on the ACT.	Failed
SB 62	College and University Tuition Tax Credits	G. Bell	This bill provides a refundable tax credit for higher education tuition and mandatory fees, up to a limited amount; establishes definitions, including eligibility for the credit; and gives rulemaking authority to the State Tax Commission.	Failed
SB 65 S1	Elementary School Math Initiative	G. Bell	This bill creates an elementary school math initiative; establishes program requirements and funding allocation criteria; requires a plan for improving mathematics proficiency and a report on the results to the State Board of Education; and grants rulemaking authority to the State Board of Education. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget restraints, \$18,000,000 from the Education Fund to the State Board of Education. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
SB 70	Utah Valley University Institutional Name Change	J. Valentine	This bill changes the name of Utah Valley State College to Utah Valley University effective on July 1, 2008; clarifies the status of the university as a continuation of the college; and makes technical corrections. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$8,000,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to Utah Valley University. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
SB 78	Protection of Constitutionally Guaranteed Activities in Certain Private Venues	M. Madsen	This bill provides definitions; prohibits certain persons from creating or enforcing a policy that prohibits the storage of firearms in a motor vehicle parked on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the person if: the individual storing the firearm is legally entitled to possess and transport the firearm; the vehicle is locked, or the firearm is in a locked container; and the firearm is not in plain view; provides exceptions for persons with secured lots under certain circumstances; prohibits certain persons from creating or enforcing a policy that prohibits the display or possession of items in or on a vehicle parked on property owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the person if the policy results in a substantial burden on the free exercise of religion; provides that a person, property owner, tenant, employer, business, or other legal entity may not be liable in any civil action for any occurrence which results from, is connected with, or is incidental to the use of a firearm that is stored or transported in a motor vehicle in association with this chapter; permits an individual to bring a civil action to enforce the requirements of this chapter; permits a court to grant injunctive relief, declaratory relief, damages, costs, and attorney fees in association with a suit brought to enforce the requirements of this chapter; provides that the chapter does not apply to the following: school premises; state and local government entities; and religious organizations; permits the attorney general to bring an action to enforce the chapter and to request damages on behalf of any individual that has suffered loss due to a violation of this chapter; and makes technical changes.	Failed
SB 80 S2	Education Reform - Critical Languages Program	H. Stephenson	This bill establishes the Critical Languages Program; and authorizes a pilot program. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$230,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
SB 81 S3	Home School and Extracurricular Activity Amendments	M. Madsen	This bill requires a local school board to issue a certificate excusing a minor from attendance within 30 days of receipt of a signed affidavit stating that the minor will attend a home school; provides that a minor who is enrolled in a private school or a home school shall be eligible to participate in extracurricular activities at a public school; provides that, with certain exceptions, a private school or a home school student may only participate in extracurricular activities at the public school within whose boundaries the student's custodial parent or legal guardian resides or a public school from which the student withdrew; and provides that, with certain exceptions, private school students and home school students shall be eligible for extracurricular activities at a public school consistent with eligibility standards for fully enrolled public school students. This bill coordinates with H.B. 207 by providing that certain amendments in this bill supersede the amendments in H.B. 207.	Failed

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SB 111 S1	Free Exercise of Religion Without Government Interference	D. Buttars	This bill enacts Title 63, Chapter 90c, Free Exercise of Religion; waives governmental immunity for cases brought to enforce or obtain remedies for violation of this chapter; provides that the state entity may justify a law or action that substantially burdens a person's free exercise of religion only if the state entity demonstrates by a preponderance of the evidence that the law or action is substantially related to an important government interest; provides that the above standard applies even if the state law is generally applicable to all persons; authorizes a person whose right to free exercise of religion is burdened to recover injunctive relief, declaratory relief, and recovery of reasonable costs and attorney fees; permits a person to use a violation of this chapter as a defense in a judicial or administrative proceeding; provides for the application of the requirements of the chapter; provides that the chapter does not apply to a law where violation of the law constitutes a criminal offense; exempts inmates from the provisions of the chapter in certain circumstances; and provides a severability clause.	Failed
SB 128	State Government Law Revisions - Withdrawal from Education Compact	M. Dayton	This bill repeals provisions relating to the Compact for Education, which is governed by the Education Commission of the States and organized for the purpose of facilitating the improvement of state and local educational systems; and directs the governor to notify the party states of Utah's withdrawal from the compact.	Passed
SB 133	Local School Board Public Hearing Requirements	P. Jones	This bill requires a school board to hold a public hearing prior to taking certain actions; and establishes notice requirements for the public hearing.	Passed
SB 159 S2	Labor Organizations Amendments	H. Stephenson	This bill requires that only an employee can submit a written request to an employer to have payroll deductions made to pay union dues; provides for the prompt commencement and ceasing of deductions upon request; prohibits an employee who requests to have payroll deductions made to pay union dues from being required to continue the payments for any set period or total amount; enacts the Public Employees Union Financial Responsibility Act; provides certain definitions; requires public employee labor organizations to adopt bylaws and report the organizations' fees, provisions, and procedures to the Labor commissioner; requires public employee labor organizations to file an annual financial report to the labor commissioner and provides for its contents; requires each officer of a labor organization and each employee of a labor organization to file a report on certain interests held in businesses that do business with the labor organization or governmental agencies having employees that the labor organization represents; provides that the reports filed are public information, with certain exceptions, and provides for retention of certain records for certain periods; provides for certain rulemaking authority; permits members of labor organizations to obtain court orders to review certain financial records of the labor organization; provides for criminal penalties, investigations, and enforcement; provides for certain exceptions; and makes technical changes.	Failed
SB 161	Hunting and Fishing License Amendments	A. Christensen	This bill alters the combination license to allow a licensee to: fish; hunt small game; and apply for or obtain a big game, cougar, bear, or turkey hunting permit; changes how certain fees may be used; changes the name of the small game license to a hunting license; creates a hunting license that allows the licensee to: hunt small game; and apply for or obtain a big game, cougar, bear, or turkey hunting permit; requires a person 12 years of age or older to have a fishing license; requires a person to have a hunting license before applying for a big game, cougar, bear, or turkey hunting permit; and makes technical changes. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed
SB 165 S1	Producer and Affiliate Disclosure Amendments	M. Waddoups	This bill clarifies that institutions of higher education, public education, and charter schools must follow the state procurement code when obtaining insurance policies; and beginning July 1, 2007, requires an institution of higher education, institutions of public education, and charter schools to issue a request for proposal for insurance policies at least once every two years.	Failed
SB 174	Education Transportation Amendments	D. Peterson	This bill requires a school district to report pupil transportation costs based on an audited financial report; and requires the Board of Education to allocate pupil transportation costs based on information reported by school districts from an audited financial report.	Failed
SB 180	School Construction Contract Amendments	S. Jenkins	This bill reduces the amount of retention proceeds that a local school board may withhold until a school construction project is completed; and makes technical amendments.	Failed
SB 194 S2	Boards of Education Membership Amendments	C. Bramble	This bill requires members of the State Board of Education to be elected in partisan elections; provides candidate qualification, nomination, and election procedures; amends the procedures for filling midterm vacancies of members of the State Board of Education; repeals the State Board of Education nominating and recruiting committee; and makes technical corrections.	Failed
SB 208	Judicial Review, Attorney Fees, and Procedure Relating to Tax Commission Decisions	H. Stephenson	This bill addresses judicial review of State Tax Commission decisions; provides that certain appeals to a district court resulting from a formal adjudicative proceeding by the State Tax Commission may be combined as an original proceeding with certain cases filed in district court; authorizes a district court to award attorney fees to a person under certain circumstances; addresses procedural rules relating to certain filings; and makes technical changes.	Failed
SB 217	Science and Technology Education Program Amendments	P. Knudson	This bill expands an informal science and technology education program within the Governor's Office of Economic Development. This bill appropriates: as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$50,000 from the General Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the Governor's Office of Economic Development. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Passed

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SB 218 S2	Community Development and Renewal Agency Amendments	C. Bramble	This bill modifies the definition of urban renewal to include environmental remediation; modifies the definition of base taxable value to mean, for a project on an inactive industrial site, the year after the date the inactive industrial site is sold for remediation and development; expands the permissible uses of tax increment to cover environmental remediation activities that occur both after and before adoption of a project area plan; provides an exception to blight study and blight hearing requirements for agencies that find blight based on a finding relating to an inactive industrial site; prohibits a taxing entity committee from disapproving an agency's finding of blight unless the committee demonstrates that the blight conditions the agency found to exist in the urban renewal project area do not exist; authorizes the taxing entity committee to hire a consultant to assist in the taxing entity committee's approval or disapproval of an agency's finding of blight, requires the taxing entity committee and agency to share the consultant's expenses, and makes the consultant's findings binding; modifies the amount of tax increment an agency board may provide in a project area budget for the agency to be paid for an urban renewal project area plan that proposes development of an inactive industrial site; makes an exception to a combined incremental value limit if the budget is based on a project area where a finding of blight is made because of the presence of a superfund site or an inactive industrial site; authorizes an agency to use certain tax increment funds for relocating mobile home park residents who are displaced; eliminates the requirement for consent from a taxing entity committee for the use of tax increment and sales tax proceeds for certain infrastructure and improvements in a community development project area; modifies a provision related to the collection of a taxing entity's tax increment if the taxing entity elects not to have its tax increment collected and used for other taxing entities; clarifies that a contest period applies also to a resolution regarding the use of tax proceeds; makes technical changes.	Passed
SB 222	Kindergarten Readiness Initiative	H. Stephenson	This bill establishes a Pre-kindergarten Readiness Program as a voluntary, family-directed kindergarten readiness initiative within the State System of Public Education; provides for allocation of program monies by the State Board of Education to school districts; and provides evaluation and accountability requirements for the program. This bill appropriates as an ongoing appropriation subject to future budget constraints, \$7,900,000 from the Uniform School Fund for fiscal year 2007-08 to the State Board of Education. This bill takes effect on July 1, 2007.	Failed
SCR 2	Resolution Promoting Legislators Back to School Program	M. Dayton	This resolution emphasizes the importance of legislators promoting greater understanding of the legislative process and building public trust and confidence in representative democracy through civic education; recognizes Utah's high level of participation in the National Conference of State Legislatures' Legislators Back to School Program from students, teachers, and legislators during 2006; and urges continued support for and participation in Utah's Legislators Back to School Program during the 2007-08 school year.	Passed
SJR 11 S3	Resolution Providing Appointment of State Superintendent of Education	W. Niederhauser	This resolution proposes to amend the Utah Constitution to require the state superintendent of public instruction to be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the State Board of Education, rather than by the state board of education. This resolution directs the lieutenant governor to submit this proposal to voters. This resolution provides a contingent effective date of January 1, 2009 for this proposal.	Failed